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SUBJECT: GDR ON FRG SUNDAY DRIVING BAN

1. HAVING BEEN ON THE DEFENSIVE IN CONNECTION WITH ITS DOUBLING OF MINIMUM CURRENCY EXCHANGE REQUIREMENT, GDR DECIDED TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FRG SUNDAY DRIVING BAN TO ATTEMPT TURN TABLES ON FRG. CITING "INFORMED CIRCLES IN GDR CAPITAL", ADN ITEM PUBLISHED NEUES DEUTSCHLAND NOV. 21 ASSERTED THAT APPLICATION OF FRG BAN TO TRANSIT TRAFFIC BETWEEN FRG AND WEST BERLIN RAISES QUESTION WHETHER SUCH MEASURE IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH GDR-FRG TRANSIT AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES FOR TRANSIT TRAFFIC TO BE UNIMPEDED AND TO RECEIVE THE MOST SIMPLE, EXPEDITIOUS, AND PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

2. WITH SOME IN WEST BERLIN INTERPRETING ADN ALLEGATION
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AS ATTEMPT CREAT "ALIBI" FOR POSSIBLE GDR ANTI-EXFILTRATION

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MEASURES ON TRANSIT ROUTES, GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ STATED ADN DISPATCH BEING TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY SENAT AND REQUESTED FRG REPRESENTATIVE ON TRANSIT COMMISSION TO "REJECT THIS PROVOCATION AND DEMAND CLEAR-CUT STATEMENT FROM GDR REPRESENTATIVE". IN THAT CONNECTION, HE ALSO WARNED GDR AGAINST UNDERCUTTING TRANSIT AGREEMENT ON FLIMSY PRETEXTS.

3. COMMENT: FACT THAT GDR STOPPED SHORT OF CHARGING FRG WITH VIOLATING TRANSIT AGREEMENT INDICATES THAT IT REALIZES IT ON WEAK GROUND. AT SAME TIME, GDR PROBABLY HOPES TO SHOW THAT FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD INNER-GERMAN ARRANGEMENTS ALSO GOVERNED BY DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS, AND THUS TO JUSTIFY BOTH PAST AND POSSIBLE FUTURE GDR ACTIONS IN THAT CONTEXT.KLEIN

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